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**From:** Stewart, Tracey  
**Sent:** Tue 8/11/2015 4:38:57 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Teeing up decision on Pipeline holdback  
R8 unfunded Pipeline needs FY15.docx

Hi Shahid – The attached document has some background information on the Animas mine. Please don't share too broadly since this was part of an internal budget exercise.

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**From:** Flaks, Art  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 07, 2015 9:15 AM  
**To:** Stewart, Tracey  
**Cc:** Ammon, Doug; Jeng, Richard  
**Subject:** FW: Teeing up decision on Pipeline holdback

Same question for Region 8's pipeline request. Any special account funds that you know of that they could tap for this? Thanks.

**From:** Murray, Bill  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 06, 2015 12:37 PM  
**To:** Flaks, Art; Leclerc, Russell  
**Cc:** Vandenburg, Amy  
**Subject:** RE: Teeing up decision on Pipeline holdback

Art et al,

I've attached the write up I sent you on April 9 on the two sites in play. I've added a little bit of additional verbiage. Please let me know if you need additional background. If so, perhaps a

conference call would be helpful.

Thanks!

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**From:** Flaks, Art

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 05, 2015 12:53 PM

**To:** Leclerc, Russell

**Cc:** Murray, Bill; Vandenburg, Amy

**Subject:** Teeing up decision on Pipeline holdback

Russ, good afternoon. At our work planning discussion with Region 8, your region indicated that it required additional pipeline funds for field sampling at the Upper Animas Mining District site (which is a “pre-listing” site) and the Colorado Smelter NPL site. Could you please verify that this is still the case and let me know how much each site needs, what specifically the funds will support and when you need the money. Also, for Upper Animas, since it is our practice to mainly prioritize NPL site pipeline funding needs with the Pipeline AOA, please justify why this site should be an exception. Finally, please identify any additional high priority pipeline pressing needs the region has?

Can you also please include a short description of where Region 8 is spending its base site allowance (\$8.9 million) this fiscal year (e.g., site assessment, state and community involvement, records mgmt., RI/FS, RD, etc.) and what will happen if you do not receive extra funding.

Finally, I need to understand the **time criticality** of your resource needs. When do you absolutely need to have these funds in hand (for contractual, programmatic, sampling season or other reasons)?

If you could please get back to me with this within the next week that would be great. Thanks.